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Applicant: Isamu HOTTA et al.

Title: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL DEVICE OF INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks. Applicant has enclosed with this Amendment a Petition for Extension of Time for two months to make this response timely.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claims 2 and 12 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

2. An exhaust emission control device of an internal combustion engine,
comprising:

an underfloor catalyst wherein a CO oxidation catalyst and a H₂O trap are coated
on a support; and
a HC trap disposed upstream of the H₂O trap.